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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: )  
TADASHI OKAMOTO ET AL. ) Examiner: E. Dejong  
Application No.: 10/601,777 ) Group Art Unit: 1631  
Filed: June 24, 2003 )  
For: A METHOD FOR ACQUIRING )  
INFORMATION OF A BIOCHIP )  
USING TIME OF FLIGHT )  
SECONDARY ION MASS )  
SPECTROMETRY AND AN )  
APPARATUS FOR ACQUIRING )  
INFORMATION FOR THE )  
APPLICATION THEREOF ) April 6, 2005

Commissioner for Patents  
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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated March 9, 2005, imposing a restriction requirement in the above-identified application.

REMARKS

The Examiner has required election of a single disclosed invention for prosecution on the merits in this case. The Examiner alleged the existence of two patentably distinct inventions:

Group I: Claims 1-18 and 20, drawn to a method for acquiring information, classified in class 702, subclass 22; and